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OF TEMPORARY BENEFIT.

HARM rather than good, will come from the low priced sales of army food stores if wrong impressions are thus given concerning advantages of government handling of merchandise. Harm will come to American government, American industry and the American people, if a few sales of army supplies at less than the market price should lead to the conviction that government can supply food at prices lower than charged by private concerns. The food now selling to the public was bought in immense quantities at relatively low prices, to which prices there was not added the overhead cost of asking for, receiving, considering and deciding on bids, receipt and storage of goods, transportation in army trucks, with all the overhead expenses incident thereto, wages of soldiers, wear and tear on army equipment, etc. It will necessarily take time to compute costs to the government and the people in connection with sales of army food. Local government officials have contributed their services, local committees have contributed their time, community buildings, such as school houses, public markets, have been used without allowance for rents. Citizens have bought in larger quantities than they usually do. Newspapers have freely advertised the sales. Buyers have transported most of their purchases instead of having them delivered by the seller. Few, if any, of these facts are taken into consideration, when people compare prices they have been paying for army food with prices charged by local dealers.

The American people will gain nothing by fooling themselves. Undoubtedly there has been and still is much unconscionable profiteering. Undoubtedly the cost of living is excessively high because of the profiteering. Undoubtedly that cost can be reduced by a proper and wise policy of regulation, prosecution and punishment. But neither now or at any time in the future will it be possible for any government agency to engage in retailing merchandise and do it cheaper than it is done by the average retail merchant.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

A PROMINENT produce dealer in San Francisco said the other day: "If the people should take it into their heads to stop eating any one perishable food for five days they could ruin the market." He knew what he was talking about. It may be that profiteering near the bottom of present high prices but a man cannot profiteer if you refuse to buy his goods. The reason that prices are high is that the people are willing to buy nowadays at any cost. The old law of supply and demand that the professor of economics teaches in college is as true now as in tribal days. It is always at the command of the people. Let the demand for a product slack off and the price drops.

A thrifty person always lives within income and when prices are high they find some substitute that will fill the aching void without requiring themselves to continue buying what they bought when the commodity was low. For instance it is not so long ago that primes were the despised heritage of cheap restaurants and plain boarding houses where they took the place of a more expensive fruit. Today the prime is classed with the aristocrats of the table as a delicacy that commands a price equal to that of grapefruit or asaba. When porterhouse steaks remain out of sight turn your thoughts to other and equally edible portions of the beef which, with proper treatment by the cook may be made to render as much service in upbuilding the body as the more succulent portions. Substitution is the cure for many evils of which the country complains today.

ORGANIZED LABOR.

ORGANIZED labor has its legitimate place in the economic plan of the nation and it is astonishing that nothing has been done in this community to encourage the plan of getting and keeping labor together. Had the mine workers of Tonopah been organized it is possible that the present strike would not have occurred for the reason that there would have been a central body to treat with in presenting and considering demands. An unorganized body is nothing more than a mob which is under no restraint and subject to no restrictions when it comes to responding to any matters affecting the body as a whole. Had Tonopah been organized there would not have been a chance for the Bolsheviks to get in their deadly work by usurping the places of the legitimate workers at the first breath of unrest. Those disturbers stepped in at the psychological moment when the minds of the workers were in a ferment and appointed themselves leaders of the local situation in which they did not have a penny's interest. They knew nothing of the mines and still less of the miners who had made the name of Tonopah the synonym for contentment and satisfied toil for the past twenty years. Nevertheless these interlopers were masters of the art of control; they knew the men were blindly groping for a leader and they stepped in at the critical moment and declared themselves the Moses that was raised up to lead the miners out of the slough of despair. Two weeks experience with this tribe has not enabled the miners and millmen to get anywhere with their grievances and it is time that the conservative element should be given a chance to demonstrate what can be done through introducing legitimate methods of organized labor that will bring the contending factions together on a common plan to remedy the issues involved.

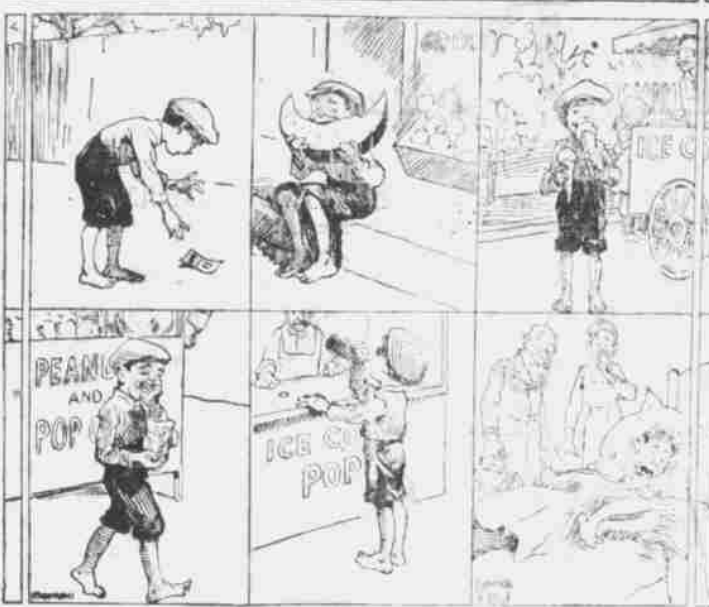
Another "crisis" looms in Hungary; but whether it is the same old crisis or a new one has not yet been divulged.

The activity of Atty-Gen. Palmer in the fight against the high cost of living give substance to the rumor that he is planning his political wings for 1920.

But in this fight against the packing houses it is possible that the race will not be to the Swift, etc. Read Ecclesiastes, ix:11.

No wonder there is more trouble in Turkey on account of the rule of Damad Ferid—just lamp that first name. That is enough to breed a riot.

The End of a Perfect Day



AMUSEMENTS

GLADYS BROCKWELL AT THE BUTLER

Gladys Brockwell, who has become famous for the emotional characters she has put on the screen, will be seen today at the Butler in the Willam Fox production, "The Forbidden Room." No role she has enacted has placed so severe a test upon Miss Brockwell's ability as does the character she assumes in this play. If one may judge from an outline of the story, Her part is that of an innocent young stenographer who is put in a trying predicament by men who hate her employer, the district attorney. To save her own reputation and that of the district attorney, she devises and executes a scheme whereby the corrupt "framers" are framed and are forced to confess their guilt. It is a very powerful story, peculiarly well fitted to the emotional talent of Miss Brockwell. It is not only a good story, but it is unfolded so skillfully that one fails to realize the outcome until the last few scenes are shown.

Added to the program will be an other feature, in one reel, the Pathé Review, which is every foot a feature; also Ford Weekly and Mutt and Jeff comedy.

Tomorrow, Florence Reed, in "Her Code of Honor," a compelling drama in which love faces a startling truth. This is the first appearance of this clever and talented star in Tonopah for some time, and it will be a treat for all.

Monday, the great Nazimova, the world's premier moving picture star, in "The Red Lantern"—a picture that is perfect.



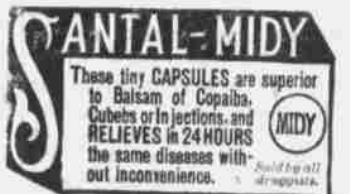
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FLORENCE HAS NEW EQUIPMENT

Jackhammer drills from the Copper Canyon mines at Battle Mountain are now in use in the Goldfield Florence, replacing the drills formerly used, which were considered too expensive to operate. The new drills are being used in crosscutting southeast to what is believed to be the extension into Florence territory of the great Tomba vein, which R. C. McCarthy superintendent, claims to have found 60 feet wide south of the east-west fault. The west drift into the footwall of the vein is being continued rapidly with promising results. This work on the seventh level, is the first real exploration to be done in the mine in many years and is considered of great importance as one crosscut will enter a vein in which was found one of the richest of the Consolidated ore shoots and the other will cut far into the footwall of the main Florence vein. The latter will be continued into the combination No. 2 claim of the Development company, which the Florence holds under lease, and the claim will be thoroughly prospected for the first time.

The lease situation continues excellent and two carloads of ore were shipped during the past week, one by the Florence Divide and the other by the Ogilvie lease, making two of the latter since work was started. The Florence Divide shipment was the fifth carload since the high grade was sent to the smelter.

CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

Compulsory school attendance of all boys and girls between the ages of fourteen and eighteen is expected to bring a large number of employed boys and girls into the part time vocational courses, which will be established when school opens on September 2.

Under a law passed by the last legislature all boys and girls between fourteen and eighteen must attend school and if they are employed they must attend the vocational courses at least four hours a week. The law was passed by the legislature to take advantage of the Smith-Hughes vocational educational fund.

There is much to be thankful for. Battling Bob LaFollette has not yet given his views of the covenant of nations.

TAKE NOTICE, AUTOISTS!

All autoists are hereby notified that the town ordinances relative to traffic will be strictly enforced in the future. All owners of vehicles can secure copies of the traffic laws by applying at the office of the chief of police at the fire station in the event they are not familiar with the rules as laid down.

JOHN D. GRANT,
Chief of Police.

Jack Minnick's Jazz Band and Entertainers Aug. 27, at Daugh Springs. "Come out and dance." —Adv A25 12

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If the church rolls were purged of the names of the profiteers that ought to help a lot.

The ex-kaiser has purchased a home in Holland. Possibly the next was due at Amerongen.

The Plumb plan to subvert the American railways seems to have cast a shoe at the first quarter.

"Tanks Sent to Border," is the headline. Where do they get 'em with nothing but 2.75 per cent' beer?

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